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FOR MEADOWS FOR CAA/ FAA MEETING

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM REYKJAVIK MAY 30 REPEATED YOU:

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: RATE QUESTIONS ANSWERED

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1. GOI CIVAIR DECLINED COMMENT ON QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL SAYING THESE CONCERNED LOFTLEIDIR EXCLUSIVELY AND THAT LOFTLEIDIR' S WISHES WOULD DETERMINE GOI POLICY ON RATE QUESTIONS AFFECTING TRAVEL BETWEEN ICELAND AND U. S.

2. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH RESPONSE TO REFTEL REPRESENTS THINKING OF LOFTLEIDIR (LL) BOARD:

A) LL DISAPPOINTED THAT TWA/ PAA FARE PACKAGE WAS NOT ACCEPTED. LL UNABLE TO COMMENT ON IATA SINCE NOT A MEMBER.

B) LL ANXIOUS TO SEE END OF YOUTH FARES, PARTICULARLY

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BECAUSE OF COMPLAINTS FROM CUSTOMERS THAT SUCH FARES ARE

DISCRIMINATORY. FIRM FEELS THESE FARES TOO LOW AND THAT THEY REDUCE AVERAGE YIELD PER PASSENGER BELOW ECONOMIC LEVEL. ALSO FAVOR ABOLITION GROUP FARES BECAUSE OF WIDESPREAD ABUSES.

C) LL BELIEVES APEX FARES LEAD TO VARIETY OF ABUSES AND ARE NOT AT ALL HELPFUL OR NECESSARY TO AIRLINES.

D) LL HAS NO EXPERIENCE WITH TGC/ ABC CHARTERS.

E) LL VIEWS PRESENT CHARTER SYSTEM AS GREATER SOURCE OF COMPETITION THEN SCHEDULED IATA CARRIERS, AND IS NOT VERY HAPPY ABOUT THE.

F) TRANS- ATLANTIC TRAVEL OUTLOOK FOR SUMMER CONSIDERED GOOD. NEW CHICAGO ROUTE VERY PROMISING - MORE SO THAN EXPECTED - AND LL WILL INCREASE SERVICE TO FIVE WEEKLY FROM PRESENT THREE, STARTING IN JUNE AND RUNNING THROUGH MID-SEPTEMBER. LL MAY DECIDE TO SERVICE CHICAGO YEAR ROUND. NO CHARTER COMPETITION EXPECTED ON US- ICELAND ROUTE.

G) N/ A.
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